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Dear Joshua,

I trust you and Estlin have recuperated from your travels.

Last week, somewhat belatedly, I inquired about my future prospects here, salary being only one issue. I should have an answer now. My point is that it would be distasteful for me and a waste of time for you to start bargaining until I can make up my mind whether I can bear the thought of moving. I shall have to do this very shortly, of course.

Wisconsin seems very attractive, as it did from the first. Graduate students are not an important issue - I am sure I would do my best for them and probably enjoy it. Actually my responsibilities to most of the young people I have here present the same problems.

To turn to more interesting problems, I have been doing genetic experiments again lately, which is a welcome change. From a study of the effect of UV on recombination I think I have evidence for copy choice replication and against zygote formation

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in T<sub>2</sub> - disposing of the Visconti-Belbinck theory.  
All kinds of negative interference would thus  
have to be attributed to the heterozygotes,  
whose origin remains a great mystery.  
I believe my evidence for this is quite  
good and hope my enthusiasm is  
justified, especially since in all my  
early genetic experiments I never came  
to grips with basic issues.

All this grew out of attempts - more  
or less successful - to demonstrate  
replication and genetic recombination  
in the presence of chloramphenicol.

Best wishes for a bright new  
year!

all.